

Command Sergeant Major Wendell J. Franklin



Command Sergeant Major Wendell J. Franklin was born in Leesville, Louisiana. He completed One Station Unit Training at Fort Knox, Kentucky and graduated as a 19K Armor Crewman. Upon completion of OSUT, he was assigned to Charlie Company 3-64 Armor Schweinfurt, Germany as a Tank Driver. Command Sergeant Major Franklin's follow on assignments include 2-34 Armor Ft. Riley, Kansas; USAARMC Ft. Knox, Kentucky; 2-72 Armor Camp Casey, Korea; 3-8 Cavalry Ft. Hood, Texas; USA NCO Academy Ft. Knox, Kentucky; 2012 Cavalry Ft. Hood, Texas; 1-12 Cavalry, Ft. Hood, Texas; and 3rd Heavy Brigade Combat Team Ft. Hood, Texas. As a 19K he has served in numerous leadership positions to include Tank Commander, BNCOC Instructor, Senior Small Group Leader, Tank Platoon Sergeant, Tank Company First Sergeant, HHC First Sergeant, Operations Sergeant Major, Battalion Command

Sergeant Major, Brigade Rear Detachment Command Sergeant Major, Division G3 Sergeant Major, and he recently served as the Squadron Command Sergeant Major for 1st Squadron (Light) 4th Cavalry Regiment.

His awards and decorations include the Bronze Star with the "V" device for Valor, the Bronze Star (three Oak Leaf Cluster), the Meritorious Service Medal (three Oak Leaf Clusters), the Army Commendation Medal (four Oak Leaf Clusters), the Army Achievement Award (three Oak Leaf Clusters), the Joint Meritorious Unit Award, Army Good Conduct Medal (one Silver Clasp), the National Defense Service Medal, the Korean Defense Service Medal, the NCO Professional Development Medal (numeral four), the Army Service Ribbon, the Overseas Ribbon (numeral five), the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Iraqi Campaign Medal (three Bronze Stars), the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal and the Combat Action Badge.

His military education and schooling include the Primary Leadership Development Course, Basic Non Commissioned Officer Course, Advanced Non Commissioned Officer Course (Distinguished Honor Graduate), the First Sergeant Course (Commandants List), the United States Army Sergeants Major Academy, and the Command Sergeant Major Development Course. His civilian education includes a Bachelor of Science Degree from Excelsior College. Command Sergeant Major Franklin is a member of the Sergeant Audie Murphy Club, Draper Leadership Award Winner, and an Order of Saint George